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I. POLICY

The Department of Juvenile Justice shall implement and enforce the provisions of KRS Chapter 15A for operation of Juvenile Detention Facilities and Alternative Detention Programs. In order to effectively carry out this mission, DJJ shall operate:

- A. Regional secure juvenile detention centers which provide confinement of youth determined to be violent and/or chronic offenders in highly structured environments. These facilities shall provide programs with a wide range of services including, education, counseling, acute medical and mental health care, behavior management, observation and assessment, as well as continuous supervision; and
- B. A comprehensive array of temporary community based alternative programs to secure detention for those youth charged with less serious offenses. For those youth determined eligible, placement shall be in the least restrictive and most appropriate setting available which ensures the safety of the youth and the general public and that the youth shall remain crime free and appear as ordered in court.

II. APPLICABILITY

This policy shall apply to all state-operated detention centers and community based alternative to detention programs.

III. DEFINITION

Not Applicable

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IV. PROCEDURES

- A. Detention facilities providing services on a regional basis shall charge all contract users an equal per diem rate. The per diem rate charged shall include costs associated with temporary custody, care, supervision, program services, building maintenance, administrative overhead, and construction.
- B. Alternative programs and services shall be developed in each region based upon the unique needs of that region. To the extent that available resources allow, the continuum of services available in each region shall include both home-based and residential options.
- C. The Detention Alternatives Coordinator shall develop and maintain an ongoing relationship with the judges, Court Designated Workers, public defenders, prosecutors, youth workers and private child care providers in the region.
- D. The Department shall provide, at least annually, to the court, the court designated worker program, public defenders, prosecutors, department workers, and other interested individuals a written program description guide listing all alternative programs available in each detention region. The Detention Alternatives Coordinator, in collaboration with DJJ Central Office personnel, shall be responsible for the development and dissemination of the Annual Detention Alternatives Program Guide.
- E. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall inspect, at least annually, each registered secure juvenile detention facility to assure its compliance with administrative regulations.
- F. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall classify and investigate complaints lodged against any facility under the jurisdiction of the Department.
- G. The Department shall require all detention programs and services to be reviewed for efficiency and effectiveness on an annual basis corresponding to the state fiscal year.

V. MONITORING MECHANISM

The Regional Facilities Administrator, the Division of Placement Services and the Division of Program Services shall be responsible for monitoring of this policy.